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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of:) Group Art Unit: 2815
KUMAKURA et al.)
Serial No.: 10/726,392)
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For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND) Confirmation No.: 5617
MANUFACTURING METHOD)
THEREOF)

San Diego, California
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Office Action dated July 26, 2004, the time for response to which is extended to December 26, 2004, by the accompanying Petition For Extension of Time, the following amendments and remarks are submitted for the Examiner's consideration.

Amendments to the Specification begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

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